

REMARKS

Status of Claims:

Claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 8-10, 12 and 14-21 remain for examination.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicant expresses appreciation to the Examiner for the indication that claims 15-22 are allowed and that claims 12 and 22 are objected to.

By way of the instant amendment, claim 12 has been incorporated into independent claim 1, and thus claim 1 is in condition for allowance. Further, claim 22 has been incorporated into independent claim 19, and thus claim 19 is deemed to be in condition for allowance.

It is submitted that all remaining dependent claims are allowed or in condition for allowance at least by virtue of their dependency.

Conclusion:

It is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and an early indication of same is earnestly solicited.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to

Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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